(b) what are the States in which the Branch Office of NMDFC have been set up; and

(c) how many branches of the NMDFC have been opened in the State of Orissa and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU): (a) Sanctions have been issued (Till 20th March, 1995) for projects costing about Rs. 54 crores with a loan share of NMDFC of about Rs. 33 crores which would benefit 14580 beneficiaries.

(b) Branch Offices of NMDFC have not been set up in the States However, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh have State Minorities Development/Finance Corporations. The State of Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Meghalaya, Madhya Pradesh and U.T. Administrations of Delhi, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu have nominated Channelising Agencies for disbursement of loans.

(c) None, Sir.

कमजोर वर्गों को फीस में छूट और आयु सीमा में रियायत

1923. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **कल्याण मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने कमजोर वर्गों के विभिन्न परिवारों की फीस में छूट अधिक अवसर और आयु सीमा में रियायत प्रदान करने के प्रस्ताव पर विचार किया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नही तो, इस पर कब तक विचार किए जाने की संभावना है ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री० के०वी० तांकाबालु) : (क) से (ग) सरकार ने 25-1-95 से अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के संबंध में सीधी भर्ती के लिए ऊपरी आयु सीमा में तीन वर्ष की छूट दी है । पिछड़े वर्गों के उम्मीदवारों के लिए जो अन्यथा पात्र है, सिविल सेवा परीक्षाओं में बैठने हेतु प्रयासों की संख्या सात होगी । छूट के संबंध में निर्णय विचाराधीन है

Amount released for socio-economic upliftment of SCs/STs in Tamil Nadu

1924. SHRI KARMA TOPDEN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by the Union Government to the State Government of Tamil Nadu for the socio-economic upliftment of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether such allocations have been fully utilized by the State Government;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE SHRI K. V. THAGKA BALU): (a) and (b) The details of funds released under various schemes for the socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes, to Government of Tamil Nadu and amount utilised by the State Government is given in the statement at Annexure-I. [See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 42.]

(c) and (d) The Government of Tamil Nadu has been asked to furnish utilisation certificates in respect of the schemes for which utilisation